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TOM BROKAW: Later today, a committee of the House of Representatives will continue its investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. One of the names that will emerge from time to time in the course of those hearings, of course, is Jack Ruby, the small-time hood and Dallas striptease impresario who murdered Lee Harvey Oswald two days after the assassination of the President.

Seth Kantor, who was a reporter with the Scripps Howard newspapers, now with the Cox newspapers, the Atlanta Constitution, was in that Dallas Police Department corridor the Sunday morning that Ruby killed Oswald. He had known Ruby before, and he is convinced the full extent of Ruby's involvement in the tragic events of that weekend in November 1963, that full involvement never has been satisfactorily investigated.

So, after four years of research, he has written this book, "Who Was Jack Ruby?"

I guess at the heart of the matter is that you do not believe that the Warren Commission investigated Ruby thoroughly or extensively enough, Mr. Kantor.

SETH KANTOR: Well, I think there are two aspects to that, Tom. Number one, the two chief investigators in the Ruby part of the Warren Commission probe themselves were thwarted when they made several attempts to dig into Ruby's past. And other than that, both the FBI and the CIA kept information back from the Warren Commission.

BROKAW: Why do you think that they were thwarted?